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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 4/4/06 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/GS/US)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to an amendment filed 23 August 2010 in which claims 1 and 3-5 were amended and claims 2, 15-16, 45 and 48-51 were cancelled. Claims 1 and 3-5 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imai, US 5,930,037 in view of Aoki et al., US 5,699,131 (henceforth Aoki).

Imai discloses in fig. 3 an image display device (101) comprising: a display panel (102) which has a plurality of pixel sections (L, R) each of which includes at least a pixel displaying an image for the first viewpoint (L) and a pixel displaying an image for the second viewpoint (R), said pixel sections being provided periodically in one direction (fig. 3), and said display panel comprising an image surface on which the plurality of pixels are displayed (fig. 3); an optical unit (103) which refracts the light emitted from said pixels and emits the light in directions different from each other (fig. 3), and an adhesive layer (column 5, lines 39-42) affixes the optical unit (103) directly on the image surface of the display panel on which the plurality of pixels are displayed (fig. 3) which is provided on said display panel (103) to fix the optical unit

and the display panel in line (column 5, lines 39-44), wherein the display panel (102) and optical unit (103) are aligned so that light emitted from the pixel displaying an image for the first view point is refracted and emitted by a specific region of the optical unit to arrive at said first view point; and wherein said optical unit is a lenticular lens (103) having a plurality of semicylindrical lenses fig. 3), a longitudinal direction of which is perpendicular to said one direction (fig. 3).

Imai discloses the claimed invention except for explicitly stating wherein the adhesive layer is provided on a part of an area enclosing an image display area of said display panel and said adhesive layer is provided along at least one side extending only in a longitudinal direction of said semicylindrical lens in said optical unit or is provided along at least one side extending only in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal direction of said semicylindrical lens in said optical unit. Aoki teaches in fig. 1, providing an adhesive layer (9) an optical unit (1) directly to a panel (2) via an adhesive layer (9) wherein the adhesive layer (9) is provided on a part of an area enclosing an image display area of said panel (fig. 1) and said adhesive layer is provided along at least one side extending only in a direction of said semicylindrical lens in said optical unit (1). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the adhesive layer as taught by Aoki between the optical unit and display panel on at least one side extending only in a longitudinal direction of said semicylindrical lens in said optical unit or extending only in a direction orthogonal to the longitudinal direction of said semicylindrical lens in said optical unit of Imai to avoid slack and gaps between the system elements (Aoki, abstract). It is noted that the when using the positional relationship as taught by Aoki the adhesive layer would be provided on a part of an area enclosing an image display area of said display panel.

3. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Imai in view of Aoki as applied to claim 1 above and further in view of Eichenlaub, US 5,410,345.

Imai in view of Aoki as applied to claim 1 above discloses the claimed invention except wherein the optical unit is a fly-eye lens having a plurality of convex lenses in which a lens pitch in said one direction and the lens pitch in a direction perpendicular to said one direction are equal to each other. Eichenlaub teaches in fig. 13 that fly-eye lenses (178) with the lens pitch in said one direction and the lens pitch in a direction perpendicular to said one direction are equal to each other are a well known lens array in the stereoscopic art. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a fly-eye lens with the lens pitch in said one direction and the lens pitch in a direction perpendicular to said one direction are equal to each other as taught by Eichenlaub in the system of Imai in view of Aoki as they are commonly available and easy to obtain type of lens array. Therefore, said adhesive layer would be provided along either a side orthogonal to a short side of said optical unit or along a short side of said optical unit.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Applicant's arguments filed 23 August 2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Imai does not disclose that the adhesive fixes the optical unit directly on the image surface of the display panel. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Imai clearly states in column 5, lines 39-44, that the lenticular lens is fixed to the display surface of the display device with adhesive.

6. It is noted by the Examiner that the 112 rejections made in the previous Office Action have been withdrawn due to amendment by the Applicant.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE FINEMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-2313. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 - 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephone B. Allen can be reached on (571) 272-2434. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Lee Fineman/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2872
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